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## Tyndall troops receiving new 'smart' ID cards

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Active-duty Air Force people, selected Reserve, civilians and eligible defense contractors began receiving new and "smart" official Department of Defense identification cards recently, officials said.

These common access cards, based on smart card technology, replace the standard military identification card and will be issued to more than 4 million DOD employees, said Essye Miller, chief of the Air Force Communications and Information's infrastructure branch at the Pentagon.

The new smart card, about the size of a credit card, contains an integrated circuit chip, linear bar code, two-dimensional bar code, magnetic stripe, color digital photograph and printed information.

"The CAC will be the principal access card used to enter buildings and controlled spaces," Mrs. Miller said. "It will also be the primary DOD public key infrastructure authentication token for unclassified networks."

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Staff Sgt. Shane Cuomo

### Left, please...

A U.S. Air Force communication and navigation systems specialist from the 28th Air Expeditionary Wing waits to marshal a B-52 bomber in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Air Force B-2, B-1 and B-52 bombers have expended more than 80 percent of the bomb tonnage dropped on combat missions over Afghanistan.

## Local chiefs rally troops, support for annual party

2ND LT. RYAN FITZGERALD

325th Fighter Wing public affairs

Have you sponsored a fruit basket lately? If not, you can have a chance by donating \$3 to the Tyndall Chiefs' Group's Annual Golden Age Christmas Party.

For the 16th year, Tyndall's chief master sergeants are sponsoring the event, which plays host to more than 350 local senior citizens. The chiefs provide food in addition to the special fruit baskets and local high schools send choruses and bands for entertainment.

The Golden Age Party is extra special to the attendees, many of whom are not able to celebrate the holidays other than at the chiefs' function. "Due to force-protection conditions (the coordinating agency), the Bay County Council on Aging was expecting the chiefs to cancel this year's party, so they were very pleased when we decided to keep the party going," said Chief Master Sgt. Cleo Hobbs, 325th Security Forces Squadron.

"The seniors who come to Tyndall just love to share time and interact with young people in uniform. They

get more out of it than people realize," said Chief Master Sgt. Ron Georgia.

This year's party will be held 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Pelican Reef Enlisted Club. The chiefs still need volunteers to escort the buses that transport the attendees onto the base. They also need some generous people to staff the event. Donations can be made with any Tyndall chief master sergeant, and for more information, call Chief Master Sergeants Cleo Hobbs, 283-4076, Bill Southall, 283-1282, or Yolanda Richardson, 283-4980.



# Team Tyndall moves toward new year

**BRIG. GEN. WILLIAM F. HODGKINS**

325th Fighter Wing commander



I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving holiday. As hard as Team Tyndall has been working, I know it was a well-de-

served break.

I'm pleased to hear that many of you kept our deployed folks in mind – through phone calls, e-mails, cards, letters, care packages and more. I know your good wishes from home delivered a heartwarming touch to those who can't be with family and friends this time of year. Well done!

With Thanksgiving behind us, we're already picking up the pace toward the Christmas and New Year's holidays. For obvious reasons, this period between the two major holidays has folks here as busy as ever – both on and off duty. As we take on new projects and wrap up 2001 events, please take the time to take care of your people and put the effort into the annual awards nomination packages. With work demands, unit holiday parties, and the Christ-



**“With work demands, unit holiday parties and the Christmas shopping season in full swing, there's definitely no shortage of busy around here.”**

**BRIG. GEN. WILLIAM F. HODGKINS**

325th Fighter Wing commander

mas shopping season in full swing, there's definitely no shortage of busy around here. And that's just part of the picture.

While you're making those holiday plans, I hope you'll plan to participate in our own special holiday events. The base holiday tree-lighting ceremony begins at 5 p.m. Thursday across from Flag Park, with Santa Claus making his annual appearance. School-age children will lead a holiday sing-along, and winners of the Greeting Card Lane contest will be announced. Vignettes will be displayed, showing how different cultures around the world celebrate faith. There will be plenty of free refreshments avail-

able, including cookies and hot chocolate.

Also, the 16th Annual Golden Age Christmas Party, sponsored by the Tyndall Chiefs Group, will once again bring together Tyndall airmen and hundreds of area senior citizens for an afternoon of holiday cheer.

It all takes place 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Pelican Reef Enlisted Club. Last year more than 300 seniors participated. While spending some great quality time with our airmen, the seniors will enjoy a variety of entertainment, a free holiday meal, fruit baskets and other goodies. (For more about this event, be sure to read

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## Action Line

The Action Line is your direct line to me. It is one way to make Tyndall a better place to work and live.

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Questions or comments of general interest will be published in this forum. This avenue should only be used after coordinating problems or concerns with supervisors, commanders, first sergeants or facility managers. If you're not satisfied with the response or you are unable to resolve the problem, call me at 283-2255.

For fraud, waste and abuse calls, you should talk to the office of inspections, 283-4646. Calls concerning energy abuse should be referred to the energy hot line, 283-3995.

**BRIG. GEN. WILLIAM F. HODGKINS**

325th Fighter Wing commander

# The favorite colors of Americans; young and old

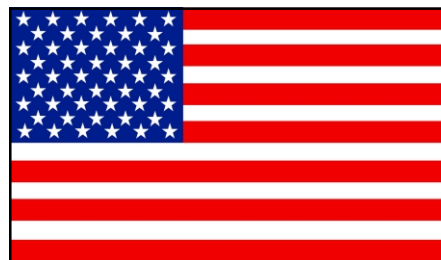
**SEMENTHA MATHEWS**

347th Wing Public Affairs

**MOODY AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. (AFPN)** — “Mommy, what's your favorite color?” asked my 8-year-old daughter, Noelani, while coloring another picture to add to the collage on my kitchen cabinets.

“I don't have a favorite, I like them all,” is my usual reply since she began asking me a thousand times ago. Usually, she anticipates my answer and just smiles an “I thought you'd say that” smile.

Today, she placed her crayon down for a moment, shocked that I had finally changed my mind.



“Red, white and blue,” I responded this time. “Yes, I believe that's my favorite

color.”

“But that's three colors, Mommy,” she said. Technically, she was right. But how can you separate one from the others?

Since the Continental Congress' decision on June 14, 1777, the colors have proudly been those of our beloved American flag. Although no one knows with absolute certainty, many historians believe Congressman Francis Hopkinson actually designed the flag, and Betsy Ross, a Philadelphia seamstress, sewed the first one together.

Nevertheless, the “Old Red, White and Blue” has become a proud symbol of this great nation.

The symbolic colors of the flag were explained in a book published by the House of Representatives in 1989 entitled “Our Flag.”

White signifies purity and innocence; red signifies hardness and valor; and blue signifies vigilance, perseverance and justice.

Francis Scott Key, whose words gave birth to “The Star-Spangled Banner,” our national anthem, is said to have penned

his famous words while witnessing the British attack on Fort McHenry, Md., during the War of 1812, and the flag flying victoriously in the distance. The conclusion of the third verse states, “And the Star-Spangled Banner in triumph doth wave, o'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave.”

Who could not adore those colors — red, white and blue? Though separate in their boldness of hue, they unite in a pattern of stars and stripes universally known for this country and its people. It's the color of freedom. It's the color of bravery. It's the color of victory.

I love them so much. I have decorated almost everything I own in them, from my screen saver to my T-shirt. I have the flag displayed in front of my home, one hanging in every window, and one on my car antenna. I'm wearing a flag pin on my collar. Even my daughter's shoelaces display the flag colors wherever she goes.

Apparently, I'm not the only one who favors the colors. A recent trip to Florida took me through some backcountry roads,

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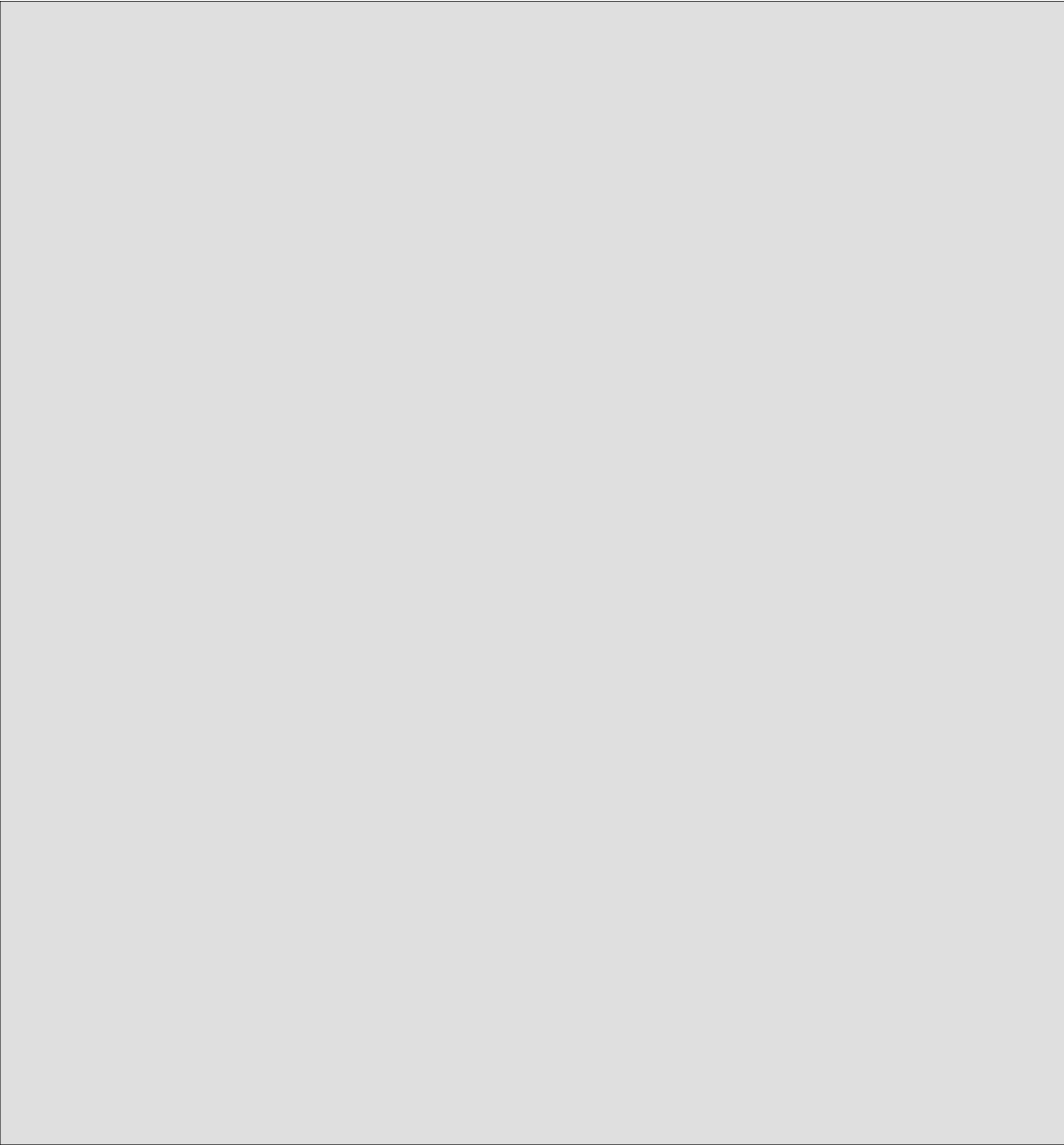
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# Santa does breakfast at youth center

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325th Services Squadron marketing

The Tyndall Youth Center holds its third annual Pancake Breakfast with Santa 8-11 a.m. Dec. 8. The cost is \$1.50 for those age 12 and under; \$3 for anyone age 13 and above.

“We had so much success with the Big Bunny Egg Hunt that we decided to do this for Christmas,” said Alma Hooks, 325th Services Squadron director of youth programs. “The parents had asked for something at this time of year.”

In addition to having pancakes and sausages for breakfast, children can decorate Christmas cards and make candy reindeer.

“The girls like to do arts and crafts,” said Stacy Reagh, mother of Madison, who took part in last year’s festivities. “This is a good idea.”

Santa Claus is scheduled to arrive early in the morning. Kids will be able to visit with him throughout the breakfast in order to finalize their wish lists. Mrs. Claus will be on hand to give out door prizes.

“We have lots of really great things to give away,” said Branda Daniels,



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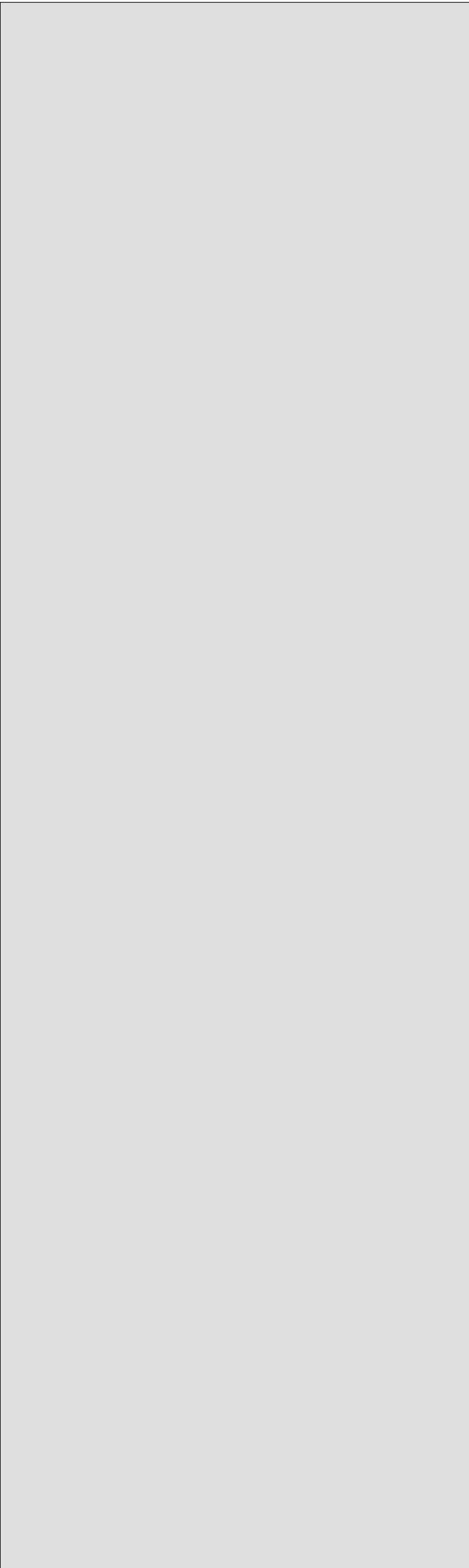
**Isabella Shearer, daughter of Ellen and Master Sgt. (Retired) Rob Shearer, and Madison Reagh, daughter of Stacy and Tech. Sgt. Jim Reagh, 325th Maintenance Squadron Munitions, focus on making their crafts during last year’s Pancake Breakfast with Santa.**

325th Services Squadron commercial sponsorship coordinator. “Maharaja’s has donated a Looney Tunes figurine, the Learning Shop has provided gift certificates and Zoo World has given passes for free admissions. We also have other sponsors who have fur-

nished items as prizes.”

Plans are under way for a special surprise. “We hope to have snow,” Ms. Hooks said.

For more information about the Pancake Breakfast with Santa or other youth center programs, call 283-4366.



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the story on Page 1.)

This is guaranteed to be a fun time for everyone involved. I hope everyone takes advantage of the multitude of base holiday events.

While I'm mentioning the holidays, I want to pass along a quick reminder. If you need a real, fresh-cut Christmas tree, you can buy one through the 325th Communications

Squadron Booster Club. They opened their tree sales Saturday and are located in the commissary parking lot. The 5-to-8-foot Fraser firs and Scotch pines will be available 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily through Dec. 16, selling for \$30 each.

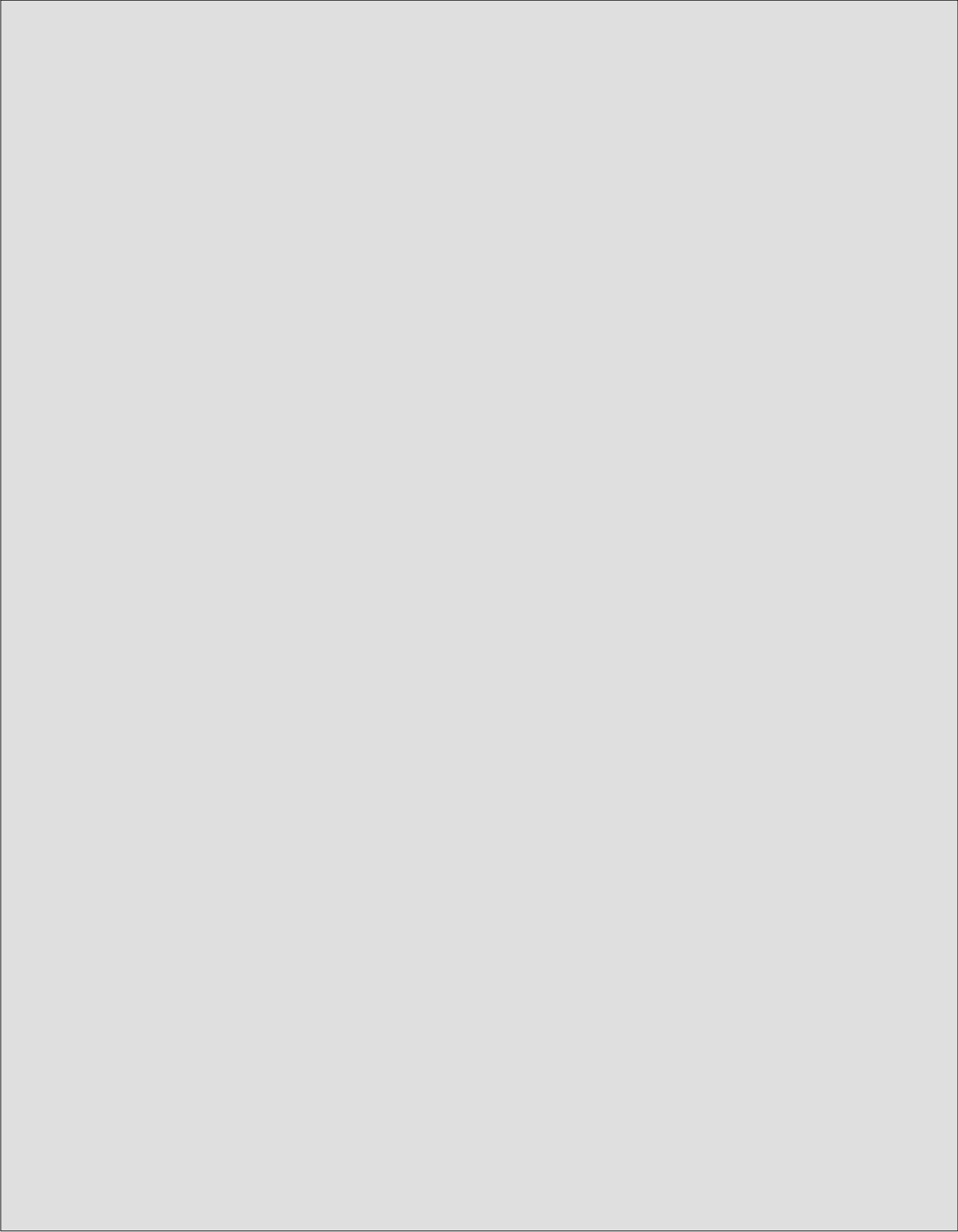
Before I close, I want to thank all those who helped support this week's visit of Col. Michael Billings, the 19th Air Force vice com-

mander. He enjoyed a close-up look at our wing mission—present and future—and saw first-hand the professionalism and pride of our people who make that mission a success.

I also want to thank those who helped make a great success out of the F-22 team visit from Lockheed-Martin this past week. The team left quite impressed with the wing and our people, as well as with our

progress toward F-22 beddown.

Speaking of Lockheed Martin, the corporation was awarded the aircraft maintainance contract. Trend Western was awarded the base's combined supply/transportation contract. We look forward to your continued excellence and working with you both in the years ahead.



# Officials urge people with pay problems to call contact center

COURTESY OF THE AIR FORCE  
PERSONNEL CENTER

Air Force personnel officials are asking all airmen with pay or bonus payment problems to call their local military personnel flight or the Air Force Personnel Center Contact Center by Dec. 7.

As the Air Force’s internal tax reporting deadline approaches, personnel officials want to ensure individuals have received all their pay and entitlements so they’re not faced with problems when tax season rolls around.

Officials want to make sure they have enough time to work with the Defense Finance and Accounting Service to resolve all cases in time for this tax year.

Common problems may include initial enlistment or re-enlistment bonuses, special or incentive pay, or problems with regular pay.

**“It’s important that we identify any remaining members and try to resolve their cases by early December.”**

LT. COL. THOMAS MAJOR  
Air Force Accounting and Finance Office

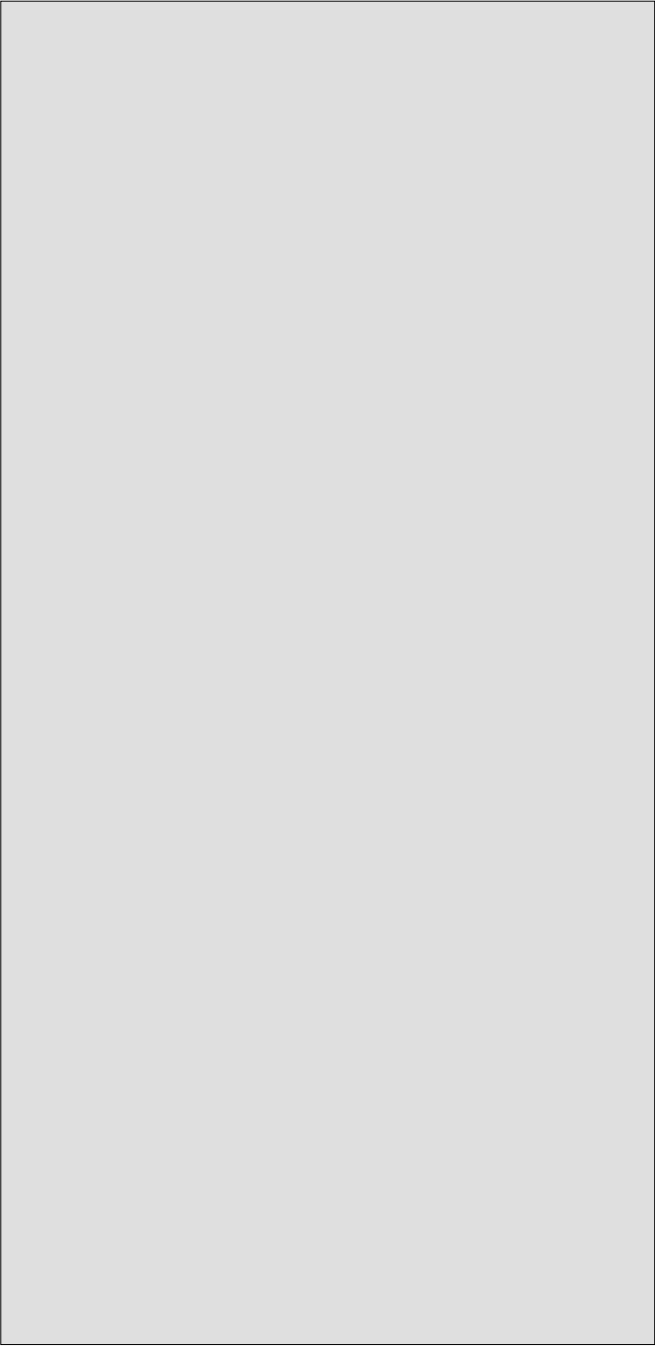
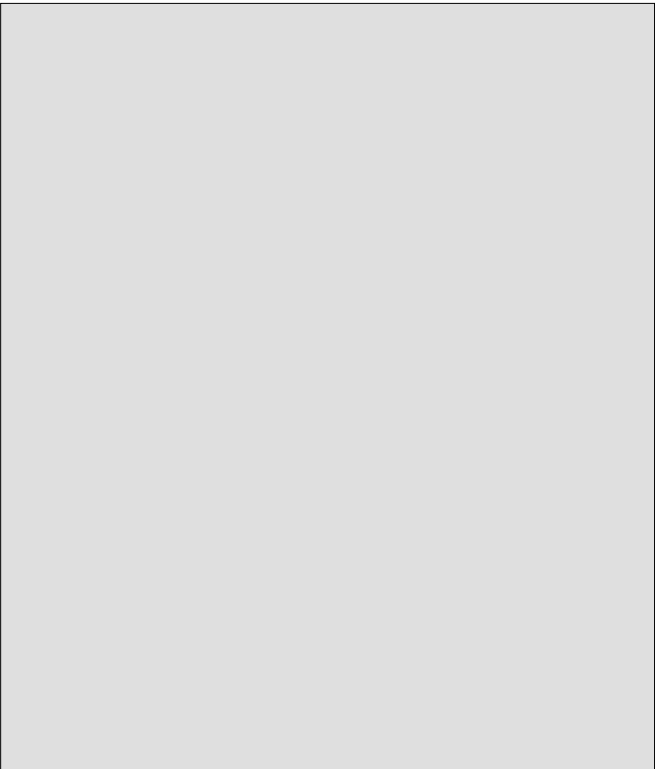
“We want to make sure we’ve heard from everyone with a problem,” said Lt. Col. David Zeh, chief of the AFPC Contact Center.

“It’s important that we identify any remaining members and try to resolve their cases by early December so DFAS has time to update their pay records,”

said Lt. Col. Thomas Major, chief, finance division at the Air Force Accounting and Finance Office. “This will ensure everyone’s end-of-year leave and earnings statement and W-2 form are accurate since bonus pay is taxable in the calendar year it is paid, not in the year the entitlement is earned.”

An individual who does not receive their bonus payment this calendar year may receive double payments next year which may result in a higher tax bracket, according to officials.

Individuals can contact 1st Lt. Ricardo Garcia at the Tyndall MPF at 283-2017 or reach the contact center at DSN 665-2949 or (800)558-1404 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.





# Committee holds hearing for next AF undersecretary

TECH. SGT. TIM DOUGHERTY  
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — The Senate Armed Services Committee held a recent nomination hearing to consider the president’s selection of Peter Teets to become the next undersecretary of the Air Force.

In this capacity, and under the secretary of the Air Force’s direction, Mr. Teets would be authorized to act for and with the secretary on all matters for which the secretary is responsible. He would also become the director of the National Reconnaissance Office.

Mr. Teets has an extensive background in defense programs and space systems, beginning with the Titan III Space Launch Vehicle in 1963. He later served as the president of the Denver operations for Martin Marietta Astronautics from 1985 until 1993. In 1999, he retired as the president and chief operating officer for Lockheed Martin Corp.

Mr. Teets said his varied background has prepared him for the duties of his new position.

“In all of my previous roles, I have had the opportunity to develop excellent working relationships with talented career military, civilian Air Force and Department

of Defense personnel and a broad range of industrial counterparts,” he told the committee. “As a result, I feel well qualified to take on the unique challenges associated with this position.”

The committee asked Mr. Teets questions ranging from enlisted and officer promotions to the Space Commission recommendations. He is committed to working with his staff and members of the Senate Armed Services Committee to fix any problems with the current promotion system, he said. He also intends to fully support recommendations of the Space Commission.

“Our vision for the Air Force’s future role in space is one that recognizes the unique contributions and advantages space provides to our national security,” he said. “The organizational changes recommended by the Space Commission will lead to streamlined acquisition and better capabilities for the warfighter. The Air Force believes that space will be a critical ‘center of gravity’ in all future conflicts and that we must fully integrate space capabilities into current and future warfighting missions.”

The nomination of Mr. Teets will now go to the Senate, which will vote on his nomination.

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in some cases in the middle of what seemed like nowhere, where I was delighted to see my favorite color on almost every door and mailbox.

The events of Sept. 11 have made us, as a people, more patriotic than I can remember, and the colors, seemingly “in” again, are displayed on anything imaginable ... including my kitchen cabinet.

“You know what, Mommy?” my daughter said, proudly displaying for me her newest masterpiece: the American flag. “That’s my favorite color too!”

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# Wood shop wonder

MARCIA ROBERTSON

325th Services Squadron marketing

When Staff Sergeant Kimberly Sulipect came to Tyndall Air Force Base, her mind was on her work: studying the Weapons Director Course at the 325th Air Control Squadron. She didn't envision spending her free time at the Skills Development Center's wood shop. She didn't plan on entering, and then winning, the industrial arts category in the annual Artist/Craftsman competition. And she didn't know the grief that would lead her down those paths.

"I played around with woodworking before," said Sergeant Sulipect of her previous woodworking experience. "I made a bookshelf about four years ago, but it was just for fun."

While this prior interest had been only for pleasure, loss in her life would make woodworking an important avenue for dealing with grief.



**Staff Sgt. Sulipect makes sure everything lines up perfectly before making a cut.**

Officer and enlisted alike did what they could to help.

"They were a great bunch," said Sergeant Sulipect. "Everyone went above and beyond what they had to do."

But even with a caring squadron, Sergeant Sulipect needed something to occupy her mind and time. She turned to the wood shop at the Skills Development Center.

"My father was a carpenter. He built a lot of homes, but when he was younger, he had made end tables," Sergeant Sulipect said. "I guess I'm kind of carrying on the tradition with my woodworking. It helps to keep my mind busy."

The first piece she made here at Tyndall was a frame for her father's picture. She quickly moved on to a jewelry box and going-away plaques. Her first-place work in the Artist/Craftsman Contest consisted of a coffee table and two end tables. Each has a maple center, walnut edges, and inlays of maple, walnut and mahogany. She

"My dad died in August," Sergeant Sulipect said. "It was a heart attack, completely unexpected."

The Air Control Squadron overflowed with support.

## *Craftsman uses new skill to win*



Photos by Marcia Robertson

**Staff Sgt. Kimberly Sulipect puts the finishing touches on a frame as Greg Guidry, 325th Services Squadron wood shop manager, observes.**

also made a matching bookcase which was not finished by the competition's deadline.

"I like the combination of woods because they complement each other," Sergeant Sulipect said. "Oak by itself is boring. And it's hard to sand. Maple has a 3-D effect which is a look I like a lot. I think the inlays make the pieces much more interesting."

While Sergeant Sulipect took the initiative in learning the woodworking craft, she credits much of her expertise to the help she received from Greg Guidry, 325th Services Squadron wood shop manager.

"Greg helped me out a lot," said Sergeant Sulipect. "He showed me how to operate the equipment and put the pieces together."

According to Mr. Guidry, being able to visualize the finished product is essential to successful woodworking.

"Kimberly is very good at spatial orientation," said Mr. Guidry. "You have

to be able to see in 3-D. Some people have the gift to do that and some people don't. But you can learn to see in 3-D if it doesn't come naturally to you.

Following a designated sequence of assembly is also vital.

"Cutting the wood is pretty simple," Sergeant Sulipect said. "Learning how to put it together is the hardest part."

"You've got to learn the proper sequence," Mr. Guidry said. "Putting a piece together in the right order is crucial."

By working for three to four hours a day, Sergeant Sulipect completed the coffee table in about four weeks. Both end tables were finished in half that time. Despite the intricate inlays on the tables, Sergeant Sulipect did not use a pattern for her work. She got her inspiration from another piece at the wood shop.

"I saw a trunk, actually a blanket



**The NCO eyes her winning creation, a maple, walnut and mahogany end table.**



## competition



A trio of Staff Sgt. Sulipeck's winning productions includes a coffee table, center.

chest, that Matt Kohler had made," said Sergeant Sulipeck. "I liked the three-wood inlay technique."

Most of the wood Sergeant Sulipeck used in her projects was purchased at the Skills Development Center's wood shop.

"I did buy some wood off-base," said Sergeant Sulipeck. "But although that wood was cheaper, the quality was not as good as what I got here."

"We're able to sell our wood for about ten percent above cost," Mr. Guidry said. "If you build something yourself, you can usually make it for about a third of the retail price."

For \$2 per hour, customers can use the woodworking shop and its equipment. An additional charge of \$1.50 per visit covers all supplies such as glue, nails, screws and sandpaper.

"We recently purchased a tenoning jig, two belt sanders and an orbiting sander," said Mr. Guidry. "We've got good equipment here."

Classes in woodworking are offered monthly at the Skills Development Center with each one focusing on a different project. Additionally, the wood shop has pattern books for patrons to use for ideas. Although safety training is required before using the facility, enrolling in a class is not. Individual assistance is available.

"There are a number of techniques and tricks that I've learned over the years," Mr. Guidry said. "These techniques and tricks can apply to whatever the person wants to build."

"I enjoy woodworking because you get something out of it," said Sergeant Sulipeck. "And for me, it's been a great time consumer."

For more information about the wood shop and other Skills Development Center programs, call 283-4511. The center is open noon to 7:30 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday, and from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday and Saturday.

## Tyndall's most talented artists, craftsmen land awards

The Artist/Craftsman Contest and the Photo Contest are held each September at the Skills Development Center. This year's competitions were sponsored by the Southwest School of Art & Craft, the Professional Photographers of America and Nikon. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended. Kimberly Branscome, executive director of the Visual Arts Center, judged the Artist/Craftsman Contest. The photo entries were judged by PPA members, Chip and Sherri Lloyd of Lloyd Photography. Below are the Tyndall winners in all categories for 2001.



"Horse," by Paul D. Wilson, 325th Services Squadron illustrator, took top honors in the Monochromatic Nature/Scenic Print category in this year's photo contest.

### Youth Fine Arts:

1st Place; 2nd Place	Tarra Kohler
3rd Place	Naomi Wilson

### Photo Contest:

#### *Monochrome Print (Nature/Scenic):*

1st Place	Paul D. Wilson
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#### *Color Print (Nature/Scenic):*

1st Place; 3rd Place	Chief Master Sgt. Myrl Kibbe
2nd Place	Tina Wilson

#### *Color Print (People):*

1st Place; 2nd Place; 3rd Place	1st Lt. Jason Armstrong
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#### *Digital (Nature/Scenic):*

1st Place; 2nd Place	Lisa Carroll
3rd Place	Paul D. Wilson

#### *Digital Computer Imaging & Enhancement:*

1st Place	Lisa Carroll
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### 2001 Artist/Craftsman Contest:

#### Fine Art:

1st Place; 2nd Place	2nd Lt. Thomas Oziemblowsky
2nd Place; 3rd Place	Jeanne Byrns

#### Industrial Art:

1st Place	Staff Sgt. Kimberly Sulipeck
2nd Place	Lynn Kibbe

#### Multicrafts/Pattern Art:

1st Place	Capt. Steven Robertson
2nd Place	Lynn Kibbe



"Sadie," by Chief Master Sgt. Myrl Kibbe, Headquarters Air Force Civil Engineer Support Agency, took top honors in the Nature/Scenic Color Print category in this year's photo contest.

# Monthly caption contest kicks off

COURTESY OF THE 325TH FIGHTER  
WING SAFETY OFFICE

The 325th Fighter Wing Safety Of-  
fice and the Gulf Defender are start-  
ing a monthly Photo Caption Contest.  
Entries to the contest must be sub-  
mitted to the safety office by the 15th  
of each month via e-mail or dropped  
off in person. The winner will receive  
a free lunch from the officers' club.  
If anyone would like to submit pic-  
tures that would make for interesting  
captions, also drop those by the safety  
office. All personnel working on  
Tyndall can participate in the pro-  
gram.

**December photo**

Be aware of your surroundings  
when operating a motor vehicle. In  
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public is dealing with more distrac-  
tions while driving than ever before.  
It seems we are bombarded with new  
gadgets every day that can distract us

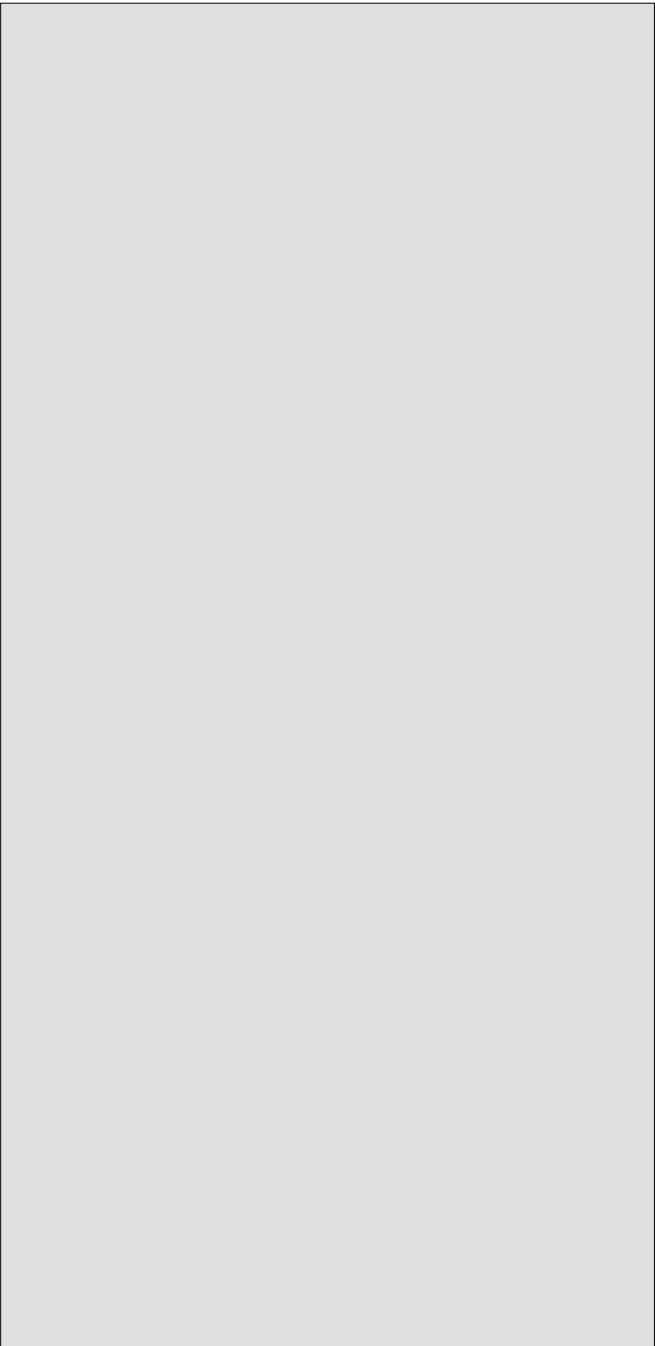
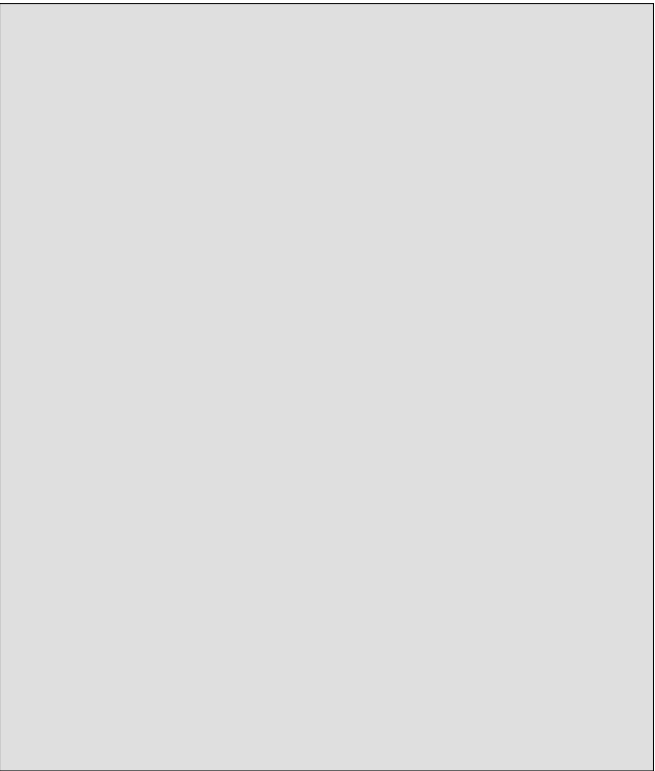
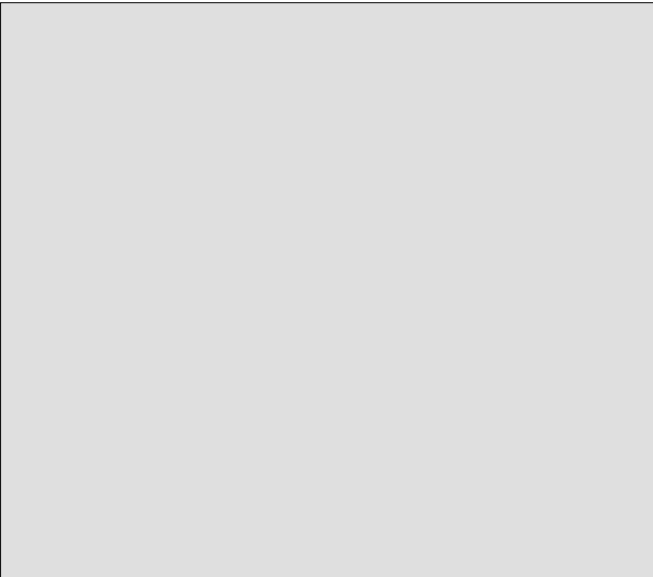
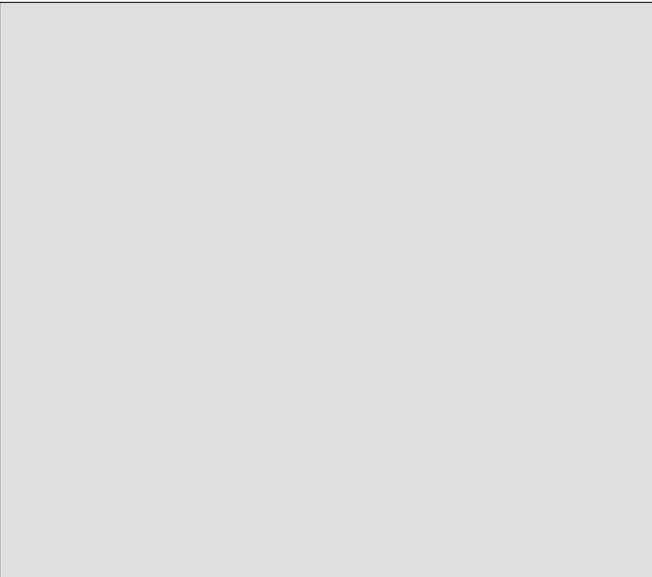


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**Name this photo!**

**Caption this photo! Send your entries to the safety office by Dec. 15  
and you might win a free lunch at the officers' club.**

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cost a motor-vehicle driver valuable  
time to make a critical decision. Re-  
member, you are driving a deadly  
weapon that has killed thousands. In  
Florida, more than 2,900 people are  
killed annually and more than  
231,000 are injured in motor vehicle  
accidents.



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Simply put, the card enables cardholders to digitally sign e-mail, encrypt information, and establish secure Web sessions to access and update information via the Internet, she said.

“These provisions are intended to enhance individual privacy and information assurance in (DOD) as computerized systems replace paper-based systems,” Mrs. Miller said.

“The CAC will be issued using the existing infrastructure of the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System and the Real-time Automated Personnel Identification System in our military personnel flights,” she said.

There are a total of 17 Air Force installa-

tions — active duty, Guard and Reserve, with the capability to produce the CAC.

To date, the Air Force has issued more than 11,000 of the 70,000 new cards given to DOD employees.

According to Master Sgt. Mike Feeney, the customer service section in the 325th Military Personnel Flight began issuing the CAC to Tyndall Air Force Base personnel Nov. 7.

Currently, the card is only being issued to military personnel and then only on an attrition basis.

According to officials, they hope to begin issuing the card to civilian personnel and authorized contractors in the spring.

If you have questions, please call customer service at 283-2276.

**“The CAC will be the principal access card used to enter buildings and controlled spaces.”**

ESSYE MILLER

Air Force Communications and Information chief



**Your link  
to what's going on**

# Gulf Guide

**in the  
Tyndall community**

## NOVEMBER

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### Christmas tree sales

The 325th Communications Squadron Booster Club's 11th annual Christmas tree sales event continues 11 a.m.-7 p.m. through Dec. 16 in the commissary parking lot. Trees are fresh-cut Fraser firs and Scotch pines. Sizes range from 5 to 8 feet and trees are priced at \$30 each. For more information, call 2nd Lt. Debbie Ratliffe, 283-0053.

## DECEMBER

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### 'Christmas on the Coast'

The Port St. Joe Constitution City Business Association's 'Christmas on the Coast' celebration will be Saturday and Sunday in St. Joe's Frank Pate Park. The celebration will include a lighted boat parade featuring the Shriners, arts and crafts booths, children's activities, music and a variety of food vendors. Santa is scheduled to arrive by boat. For more information, call (850) 229-8581.

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### 'Moms, Pops & Tots'

The parent and child interaction play group, "Moms, Pops & Tots," for parents and their under-age-five children meets on Mondays. For more information and meeting locations, call 286-5812.

**TUE**  
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### Civil Air Patrol meeting

Civil Air Patrol meetings for boys and girls 12 years old and older will be held 6-8:30 p.m. every Tuesday in Building 852. The CAP offers local and national activities with a focus on educational and professional development. For more information, call Capt. Laura Palm, 283-7594, or Master Sgt. Perry Newberry, 283-4189.

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### Water outage

The 325th Civil Engineer Squadron will conduct a water outage 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Wednesday to replace isolation valves on water distribution mains. The outage

will affect all family housing occupants residing on Sentry Street, and those in residences 2855-2874 Sabre Drive and 2839-2841 Phantom St. Occupants may experience discolored water during this period. It is recommended that clothing not be washed until the water returns to normal color. For more information, call the civil engineer customer service office, 283-4949.

### Golden-Age Christmas party

The 16th Annual Golden-Age Christmas Party, sponsored by the Tyndall Chiefs' Group, will be 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Pelican Reef Enlisted Club. Guests will receive a fruit basket. Anyone wishing to sponsor a fruit basket for a \$3 donation may contact any Tyndall chief master sergeant. Donations of cookies, cupcakes or brownies may be brought to any chief master sergeant by 3 p.m. Tuesday or call Chief Master Sgt. Bill Southall, 283-1282. For more information, call Chief Master Sgt. Bruce Reid, 283-0217, or Chief Master Sgt. Cleo Hobbs, 283-4077.

## NOTES

### Minnesota Air National Guard openings

Immediate Minnesota Air National Guard positions are available with the 148th Fighter Wing, Duluth, Minn. For more information, call Master Sgt. Frank Bucar Jr., DSN 825-7440, or call toll free, (800) 831-7027. Interested individuals may also call the military personnel flight customer service office, 283-3198.

### Flight instructor position

The Tyndall Noncommissioned Officer Academy has an immediate opening for an NCOA flight instructor. Requirements and application package information for the four-year controlled-tour position can be located on the NCOA Web site at: [www.tyndall.af.mil/NCOA/jobs.htm](http://www.tyndall.af.mil/NCOA/jobs.htm). Interested technical sergeants or technical sergeant selects may also contact Chief Master Sgt. Anderson Edwards or Master Sgt. Ed Hansen, 283-3238.

### FSU international relations course

Florida State University will offer a course called "Special Topics in International Relations: Contem-

porary Issues in the War on Terrorism" in Spring 2002. Special guest speakers will present their opinions for discussion and debate. The class is open to students and the general public through the class auditing system or as a non-degree seeking student. Students may choose either the 6-8:30 p.m. Tuesday class or the 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday class. For registration information, call the FSU registrar's office, 522-2002.

### Sandwich shop

A Robin Hood Sandwich Shop will open for business Monday in Building 532. Hours of operations are 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, contact services marketing at 283-4565.

## RETIREE NEWS

### TRICARE paperwork error

A paperwork error caused the names of approximately 195,000 TRICARE For Life beneficiaries not to be provided to Medicare claims processors to allow for automatic claims processing. Steve Lillie, TRICARE's director of over-65 benefits, said 13 percent of eligible beneficiaries are still eligible for benefits, but may have to file TRICARE claims themselves if they received care after Oct. 1 and the provider sends a bill for what remains after Medicare has paid its share. TRICARE expects to send affected beneficiaries letters explaining the problem, but Mr. Lillie recommends beneficiaries who receive bills contact the health-care provider's billing office and explain the problem. The billing office can then submit the claim directly to TRICARE. Alternatively, the beneficiary can file the claim with TRICARE. The beneficiary still won't have to pay for care covered by TRICARE.

The problem should be resolved by Dec. 1. All claims submitted to Medicare after Dec. 1, even for care received before Dec. 1, will automatically be forwarded to TRICARE. For more information, call the TRICARE helpline, (888) 363-5433, visit any regional beneficiary assistance office or visit the TRICARE Web site at: [www.tricare.osd.mil](http://www.tricare.osd.mil).

## YARD SALES

The following yard sales are scheduled for Saturday: 2822-A Sentry Lane and 3141-B Guardian Circle. All yard sales are held between 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

## BASE THEATER

**Today:** "Corky Romano" (PG-13, language, drug-related humor)

**Saturday:** "Bandits" (PG-13, some sexual content, language and violence)

**Sunday:** "The Others" (PG-13, thematic elements and frightening moments)

**Thursday:** "Bandits"

All movies start at 7 p.m.



Courtesy photo

**Tyndall fights for the tip-off against the Eglin Eagles Nov. 18 at the Tyndall Fitness Center. The Tigers swept the two-game series, adding to their home winning streak.**

## Tigers remain perfect at home

COURTESY OF THE TYNDALL TIGERS

The Tyndall Tigers Men's Varsity Basketball Team returned to Southeastern Military Athletic Conference (SEMAC) action on Nov. 17 and 18 and extended their home winning streak to six games, as they defeated the Eglin Eagles in two hard-fought contests.

### Tyndall-72, Eglin-64

In Saturday's game, the two squads traded baskets until Tyndall went on a 14-2 run to take a 28-16 lead before the Eagles came soaring back to take a 37-36 lead at the intermission. In the second half, Eglin extended its lead to eight points, before Keith "Kat" Castille came off the Tigers' bench to score eight consecutive points to knot the score at 55-55. Tyndall pressed for a 64-62 lead with 4:34 remaining, then went into their delay game, the Tigers com-

bined clutch free-throw shooting and a concerted defensive effort to outscore Eglin 8-2 down the stretch to seal the victory.

Marcus "the Mailman" Baucom led the Tigers in scoring with 17 points, followed by Redd Batiste with 13 and Keith Castille with 10 points. Lance Clark led the Tigers in rebounding with 10; Scott Moore blocked four shots and Batiste led in assists with seven. Tre Dye led Eglin in scoring with a game high 19 points.

### Tyndall-72, Eglin-63

On Sunday, Tyndall came out on fire as the Tigers connected on four 3-pointers to open up a 14-5 lead. They extended their lead to as many as 14 points in the first half, before the Eagles fought back to narrow the margin at 36-32 at the break. In the second half, Eglin took a 48-40 lead with 12:42 remaining, when the Tigers stepped up their defensive effort

and began to dominate both the offensive and defensive boards. Two free throws by Redd Batiste tied the score at 62-62 with 3:14 remaining. Tyndall outscored Eglin 10-1 down the stretch, aided again by clutch free-throw shooting, to secure the win 72-63 and complete the sweep.

Mike Roy led the Tigers in scoring with a game-high 19 points; followed by the trio of Marcus Baucom, Malik Taylor and Keith Castille who all had 10 points, Marvin Gamble led in rebounding with 10, Batiste led in assists with six, and Baucom led in steals with six. Bobby Alexander led Eglin in scoring with 18 points.

This weekend the Tigers will host the Keesler Dragons. Game times will be 3 p.m. Saturday and noon Sunday (men only). For more information contact the sports and fitness center at 283-2631.

## Professional football versus the art formerly known as figure skating

2ND LT. RYAN FITZGERALD

325th Fighter Wing public affairs

I read the most ridiculous article over the Thanksgiving holiday. Apparently, the Minnesota Vikings are stating publicly that Dennis Green's job is not in jeopardy. I hope they're not serious. Their 4-6 record is absolutely inexcusable. They can't win a game even when I'm rooting for them.

Dennis Green is more qualified to be the team mascot than the team's coach. I hope Minnesota sees the error of their ways. The man should have been fired years ago.

I noticed the Redskins have won five games straight. Then I realized that they

lost their first five, and still stink. When they win five more, I might give in a little, but as far as I'm concerned, they're as far away from the playoffs as the Detroit Lions.

So, did anyone else catch the figure

skating on TV this weekend? Me neither. I was too busy watching sports that don't include sow-cows and lutzes. A word on this "sport": men stopped wearing tights a couple

hundred years ago. Per chance, do we think we might stop offending audience's eyes with such a wardrobe? I want to see some of these guys out on a hockey rink. Let's see if they can ballet dance their way around a bunch of toothless wonders looking for a fight.

That would be a sport.

The Wizards were on TV again. I love MJ, but how often can TNT air bad basketball? How many games do the Milwaukee Bucks or the Minnesota Timberwolves have on the cable schedule? Combined, they have fewer than we've already seen of the Wizards. If I want to watch bad basketball, I'll go down to the local high school, or better yet, I'll watch the Utah Jazz. MJ or no MJ, the Wizards are in the basement. It's not even a nice basement. It's more like a wine cellar out of an Edgar Allen Poe story. It's a dirty, damp, disgusting, cobwebs-in-your-hair cellar with no stairs leading out. If the Wizards finish above .500 this year I'll wear a Vikings jersey all weekend long.

By the way, I was indeed blessed with a son. He's outstanding. Brody was born during Monday Night Football, and yes, I am a man. The game was on the TV in its entirety.

IN THE  
ZONE

### Sports Briefs

#### Jogging path detour

The jogging path along Beacon Beach Road in the vicinity of the AWC Training Facility will be temporarily detoured Monday through Jan. 31.

A temporary path will be marked along the access road south of the range control facility. Use extreme caution in the detoured area as construction is under way. For more information, call Marlon Kirkland at 283-4547.

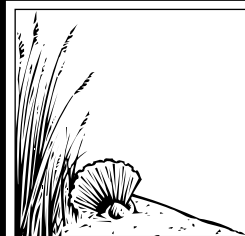
#### VolksSport walk

The Panama City VolksSport Club has a 5/10K walk Dec. 8 in DeFuniak Springs off Hwy. 331, north of Freeport and just off I-10. The walk can be started anytime from 1:30-2:30 p.m. but must be completed by 5 p.m. The walk meanders around the only round lake in the country.

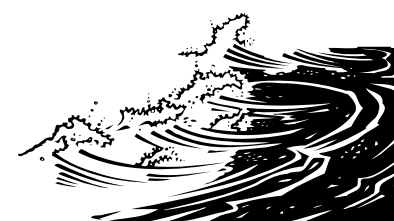
This walk is free to those not desiring credit and \$2 for those desiring IVV/AVA credit.

For more information, contact D.J. Moore, 871-2624, or Caroline Bagley, 234-5792.





# Funshine NEWS



November 30, 2001

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## All Ranks Events at the O Club

**Retiree Appreciation Night**  
Dec. 12 call for more information.

**Lunch**  
Mon.-Fri., 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

**Sunday Brunch**  
Dec. 16, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
Members \$6.95  
Non-members \$8.95

**283-4357**

## Officers' Club New Year's Eve Celebration

**December 31 • 8 p.m. to 2 a.m.**  
Heavy hors d'oeuvres throughout the evening followed by a full breakfast at 12:30 a.m.

Live  
entertainment,  
party favors  
included



**Couples** \$16.95 Members,  
\$21.95 Non-Members  
**Singles** \$12 Members, \$17 Non-Members

Call for reservations NLT December 22  
283-4357

Spend the night at the  
Sand Dollar Inn call 283-4211

## Enlisted Club New Year's Eve Party

**Dec. 31 8 p.m. - 2 a.m. at the CAC**  
Hors d'oeuvres and beverage specials throughout the evening followed by a full breakfast at Midnight



**Entertainment by:** Video DJ - A. J. Love  
Featuring Contemporary, Top 40, & Variety  
Unannounced specials and prizes!

**Couples:** \$10 Members, \$15 Non-Members  
**Singles:** \$6.95 Members, \$9.95 Non-Members

Purchase tickets at the CAC Pizza Pub or Officers' Club Cashier Cage. Call 283-3222 for details.  
Spend the night at the Sand Dollar Inn call 283-4211

## Community Activity Ctr.

☎ 283-2495

### Tae Kwon Do Class

Get in shape and learn self defense.

### Pigskin Pics

Congratulations! Terry Kauff is the winner of the second heat of Pigskin Pics and will receive an autographed football from the Jacksonville Jaguars. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended.

## Pancake Breakfast with Santa



**At the Youth Center**  
**Saturday, December 8 • 8-11 a.m.**  
\$1.50 ages 12 & under  
\$3.00 ages 13 & above

Register for holiday door prizes, visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus, do a holiday craft.

**Call 283-4366 for more information.**  
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## Raptor Lanes Bowling Ctr.

☎ 283-2380

### Pro Shop Discount

Dec. 1-24, 15% off all in-stock balls, bags, shoes (not valid with other discounts).

## Graphic Impressions

☎ 283-2228

### Business Cards

Your photos or color logos can be included on our Full Color cards for just \$20 per 200.

### Color Copies Special

Every Friday 8 1/2" x 11" color copies are just 65¢ each.

## Sand Dollar Inn Holiday Space A Reservations

The Sand Dollar Inn is authorized to make Space A reservations up to 2 weeks in advance, for up to 5 days, for stays beginning Dec. 15 through Jan. 6. To make a reservation call 283-4211 ext. 3346. Call and make reservations for family, friends, or yourself.

**For more information  
call 283-4211**

## Vet Clinic

☎ 283-2434

### Holiday Hours

Closed Dec. 24, 25, 31 and Jan. 1.

## Honor Guard

☎ 283-4405

### Buglers Needed

### Assistant NCOIC Needed

Requirements are: Sr Amn 5 Level, no derogatory record in PIF, no UIF, and must have 1 year retainability. Apply NLT Dec. 15 to Lt Oziemblosky.

## Bonita Bay

☎ 283-3199

### Winter Boat Rental Rates

Stop by Bonita Bay and rent a boat for half price, not including fuel. Call for details and availability.

### Holiday Rental Special

Rent equipment on Dec. 17 and return it on Jan. 2 for the price of one day (excluding boats).

## AERO CLUB

### Upcoming Classes

Private Pilot Ground School: Jan. 7  
Commercial Instrument: Jan. 8

**283-4404**



**Library  
BOOK SALE**  
Dec. 13-16, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.  
**283-4287**

## Information, Tickets & Travel

☎ 283-2499

### Santa Suit for Rent

From now until Dec. 20 you can rent the suit from ITT for \$20 per day.

**Base Tree  
Lighting Ceremony**  
Dec. 6, 5 p.m.



**at Main Gate**

Enjoy hot chocolate and cookies while singing holiday songs. View the living nativity and other vignettes of faith.

Last but not least, visit with Santa. Call 283-2495 for more information.

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**The Pelican Point Golf  
Course will be open  
Christmas day for walkers  
no facility services  
will be available.**

## AETC Holiday Designated Driver Program

**Make the Holidays  
SAFER and WIN!**



Be a designated driver this year between Thanksgiving and New Years Day and you could win a two night stay at one of two San Antonio Marriot Resorts (River Center or Riverwalk). Identify yourself as a designated driver and fill out an entry form at any participating Services facility each visit. Must be 18 years old to enter. The drawing will be held Jan. 3, 2002.

### Participating Services facilities:

Bowling Center, 19th Hole Snack Bar at Pelican Pt. Golf Course, Officers' Club, Pelican Reef Enlisted Club, Pizza Pub at the CAC & Marina Club

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Capt. Jeffrey H. Sandrock

### Nice hood

NASCAR Winston Cup Series racing team No. 21 donated a special edition car hood depicting the Air Force logo and the F-22 Raptor to the U.S. Air Force Museum on Nov. 13. The Air Force has advertised on the Wood brothers' NASCAR Motorcraft No. 21 Ford Taurus since the start of the 2001 racing season.

